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1. Notice of Appeal (1 page, in duplicate); and
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before January 14, 2004.

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$110.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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